

The Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Control was called to order on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 5:30 pm with the following:

**PRESENT:** Bennie Smith, President  
Courtney Hubbell, Vice-President  
Lauren Bordelon  
Tonya Hearn  
Francine Middleton  
Carolyn Soley-5:40pm  
Ruby LeBlanc-5:40pm  
Archie Chaisson, Parish President & Library Liaison

**ABSENT:** Laura Sanders, Library Director

Also present in the meeting room: Mrs. Sherry Lucas, Finance/HR/Operations Manager; Mrs. Dana Clement, Administrative Assistant and Andy Positerry, GFP Architecture Interior Design.

Ms. Smith stated after roll call, "We have a quorum and can move forward with our meeting."

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited together.

A motion to accept the LBC agenda was made by Mrs. Hubbell, seconded by Mrs. Bordelon, and motion carried unanimously.

A motion to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting was made by Mrs. Hubbell, seconded by Ms. Smith, and motion carried unanimously.

Public Wishing to Address the Board;

Billy Joe Brunet-115 Eva Lane, Golden Meadow, LA-concerned about the future of the Golden Meadow Library.

Martin D. Wade-P.O. Box 16, Galliano, LA-concerned about the future of the South Lafourche and Golden Meadow Libraries.

Troy Dufrene-170 Griffin Lane, Golden Meadow, LA-concerned about the future of the Golden Meadow Library.

Daniel Lorraine-Parish Councilmen-concerned about the future of the Golden Meadow Library.

Archie Chiasson, Parish President, thanked the gentleman for coming to the meeting and showing their concerns. He stated, "We had a major hurricane that destroyed our community 5 months ago, but it will take some time to get back. We have to go through the steps which involve the insurance adjustors, FEMA adjustors, and the mitigation company. We will be back up and running, just not sure how long it will take to rebuild." After some discussion, the meeting continued.

#### Finance Report:

Mrs. Lucas reported, LPPL has a fund balance of \$5.9 million on paper, with a \$1.2 million storm restoration invoice yet to be paid, with more such invoices expected. New ad valorem funds are delayed due to the post-storm reassessments. LPPL still has revenue and expense items in the process of being posted to finalize 2021. The Thibodaux project to date is paid out at \$3,484,286 with various punch list items remaining. Between the current project and the original 2012 purchase and remodel, Thibodaux Branch has cost \$8.6 million. For the Lockport Entryway project, \$116,057 has been spent to date. There are additional invoices pending. Parish finance has indicated that additional funds need to be earmarked for this project in order to cover Change Order No. 2 and any other contingencies. This will need to be addressed by a Special Meeting. The South Lafourche Remediation has invoices so far totaling \$1,994,961 as LPPL's portion of work through October. All locations have been undergoing cleaning and environmental testing. Golden Meadow Branch utilities have been discontinued in preparation for demolition. A motion was made by Mrs. Bordelon, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc to accept the Finance Report. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Director Report:

In Mrs. Sanders absence, Mrs. Lucas gave the Director's report-managing the daily operations of the library system. BetCo repoured the foundation in the stairway and/or fixing the walls from the water damage at Thibodaux. Duplantis Design covered the cost for this work. LPPL received a \$5,000 donation from ALA, it will be used towards hurricane remediation. "We're happy to see more people are coming in to visit our branches. We have lots of new and exciting programs as we gear up for the Mardi Gras season at our branches." A motion was made by Mrs. LeBlanc, seconded Mrs. Soley, to accept the Director Report. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Discussion and approval of 2022 Millage Letter; Mrs. Lucas explained, “it’s the time of year that we are required to send a letter to Parish Administration and Council recommending how we need the library millages to be collected for the 2022 tax roll.” Mrs. Lucas recommended to the Board, Library Millage #1047-17 (3.000) to remain the same and Library Millage #1047-014 (1.5000) to remain the same. A motion was made by Mrs. Bordelon, seconded by Mrs. Hubbell, to recommend to the Council that Library Millage #1047-014 remain the same at a rate of 3.000 and Library Millage #1047-014 remain the same at a rate of 1.500. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Smith yes, Mrs. Hubbell yes, Mrs. Bordelon yes, Mrs. Hearn’s yes, Mrs. LeBlanc yes, Mrs. Middleton yes, and Mrs. Soley yes. The motion carried 7-0-0.
2. Discussion and approval of Change Order No. 1 on Lockport Entryway Modification Project. Mrs. Lucas, explained this was an emergency change order for extensive plumbing issues that were discovered during the holidays and approved by Council this month. No work has been done yet but a formal Board vote needs to be on record. Mrs. Lucas stated, “Andy is here if you have any questions concerning Change Order No. 1.” The Board had no questions. A motion was made by Mrs. Bordelon, seconded by Mrs. Hearn’s, to accept Change Order No. 1 for emergency plumbing repairs on the Lockport Entryway Project. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Smith yes, Mrs. Hubbell yes, Mrs. Bordelon yes, Mrs. Hearn’s yes, Mrs. LeBlanc yes, Mrs. Middleton yes, and Mrs. Soley yes. The motion carried 7-0-0.
3. Mrs. Lucas informed the Board that Item #3 needed to be changed to a discussion only per the recommendation of the Parish Finance Department. A motion was made by Mrs. Bordelon, seconded by Mrs. Hubbell, to only discussion Change order No. 2 on Lockport Entryway Project. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lucas explained, “this change order is due to cost increases of steel and concrete since the Hurricane, and Andy is here if you have questions.” Mr. Positerry stated this price increase happened after the bidding process was complete and additional days are being requested due to the delay with Change Order No. 1. “The cost change is \$14,213.68 to the contract and 39 additional days.”

Parish President Chaisson suggested the Board put the item back on the agenda as a vote to approve Change Order No. 2 in order to lock in the offered pricing. A Special Meeting will still be needed for a supplemental appropriation, but at least the Change Order can move forward while the rest of the funding process plays out.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bordelon, seconded by Mrs. Hubbell, to change the item back to discussion and approval from the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

With no other discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Bordelon, seconded by Mrs. Hearn’s, to accept Change Order No. 2 on the Lockport Entryway Modification Project and recommend to the Council. A roll call vote was called: Ms. Smith yes, Mrs. Hubbell yes, Mrs. Bordelon yes, Mrs. Hearn’s yes, Mrs. LeBlanc yes, Mrs. Middleton yes, and Mrs. Soley yes. The motion carried 7-0-0.

With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Hubbell, seconded by Mrs. Soley, and carried unanimously. The Library Board of Control was adjourned at approximately 6:48pm.